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EXAMINING GROUP 3765  
PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

JAMES MARSHALL OATHOUT ET AL.

CASE NO.: SS3060 US NA

APPLICATION NO.: 09/922,048

CONFIRMATION NO.: 7560

GROUP ART UNIT: 3765

EXAMINER: AMY B. VANATTA

FILED: AUGUST 03, 2001

FOR: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR INCREASING THE ISOTROPY IN  
NONWOVEN FABRICS

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Introductory Comments**

This is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 28, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Please amend the application as follows:

Sir: